

Runnymede Borough Council

Corporate Management Committee

Thursday 23 May 2024

Members of the Committee present: R. King, L. Gillham, A. Berardi, MD Cressey, T. Gracey, C. Howorth, J Mavi, R. Milstead, S. Ringham, M. Smith, P. Snow, D. Whyte.

Members of the Committee absent: None.

In attendance: I. Mullens, S. Jenkins, T. Gates, A. King

1. Notification of Changes to Committee Membership

None.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2024 were agreed.

3. Apologies for Absence

None.

4. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

5. Third Round of Local Authority Housing Fund Bid

The report was outlined to members who were supportive of the scheme.

It was resolved that:

1. The commitment to sign-up to the LAHF R3 by 31st May 2024 be approved.
2. The suggested delivery route be approved.
3. In accordance with paragraph 1.3 of the Committee Responsibilities document of the Council's Constitution, the budget of £977,650 (made up of £974,000 capital expenditure and £3,650 revenue expenditure) to purchase 2 properties to fulfil the requirements of the LAHF terms, repurposing existing budgets within the current capital programme be approved.
4. The additional use of the HRA working balance of £559,200 due to the unavailability of 1-4-1 receipts for this scheme be approved.
5. Delegated authority to the Corporate Head of Housing, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Housing Committee to determine rent levels related to properties included in this scheme be approved.

6. Exclusion of Press and Public

7. Climate Change Resource

The report was outlined to members who were supportive of the changes. The committee expressed its thanks to the members and officers involved in bringing momentum to the Council's response to climate change.

It was resolved that:

1. The changes to the Planning, Economy and Built Environment (PEBE) establishment be approved in principle as set out in this report to create two permanent FTE roles in the service, subject to a Human Resources consultation on the proposal and consideration of feedback or alternatives.
2. That the Corporate Head of Planning, Economy and Built Environment (CHPEBE) (in consultation with the Corporate Head of HR & OD) was given delegated authority to action the proposal or any reasonable alternative that arose as a result of the HR consultation (provided that there was not a requirement for budgetary growth)
3. That, if the matter is actioned as proposed, PEBE budgets were amended to reflect the changed income target relating to CIL Administration, and the salary budget increased to reflect the establishment changes proposed.

8. Release of Provisions – Assets and Regeneration

The report was outlined to members. Members referred the Committee to the work carried out by the Property and Assets Taskforce should they require further detail, and the need to raise footfall in Egham in conjunction with the proposed methods was emphasised. The Committee spoke of a desire to see a public consultation when the scheme was finalised and all options known.

It was resolved that:

1. The business cases for The Precinct and Office Investment Properties as set out in Appendices A and B be approved.
2. The release of the budget provision of £250,000 to enable the Asset and Regeneration team to apply for outline planning permission on the asset known as The Precinct, Egham be approved.
3. The release of the budget provision of £150,000 to enable the Assets and Regeneration team to collaborate with expert consultants to help determine the strategic direction for managing the investment asset stock and minimise existing holding risks be approved.

Chair

Meeting ended 19.51